THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) to (d) Much of the unauthorised occupation of land belonging to the Sindri Unit of the FCI has been occupied by the inhabitants of the neighbouring villages. The unit mangement has taken recourse to legal action for eviction under the Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1971. First Information Reports have also been lodged with the local police. The eviction orders are executed with the help of the magistracy and the police force.

There has been no connivance of the Company's officers in the unauthorised occupations.

Award of Contract to M/s KCT By Sindri Unit of Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd.

2089. SHRI GAYA SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd., Sindri Unit has awarded contract to M/s. KCT for coal sampling;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the contractor does sampling of the part quantity while the payment is made for total quantity lifted by the F. C. I.;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is 10 per cent to 12 per cent difference in results obtained from loading and unloading point samples; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor and whether the sampling and analysis of coal is not being done departmentally for better quality control; if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) and (c) The sampling is done by M/s. KCT on the total quantity of loading on a random basis at the loading points as per detailed protocol agreed between Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd. (FCI) and Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. (BCCL). The samples taken at loading points are analysed separately at laboratories of FCI and BCCL and payments to BCCL are made based on agreed analysis, while in case of any dispute a joint analysis is done for effecting payment. Difference in analysis of samples, taken at loading points by KCT and at unloading point by FCI, in respect of ash content ranges between 5% to 13%.

(d) The analysis of samples obtained from both loading and unloading points is done departmentally. However, sampling from loading points is not feasible departmentally as coal is received from a number of collieries of BCCL spread over wide areas not connected with normal rail/road routes. It is, therefore, useful and economical for FCI to employ organisations specialised in such jobs which are available in the coal fields. The different methods of sampling adopted at loading points and FCI's coal yard (unloading point), the mixing of coal from different collieries at the coal yard, and the time gap between these two samplings, are the main reasons for differences in analysis of samples obtained from loading and unloading points.

Effect of Molasses Decontrol on USER Industries

2090. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the effect of decontrol of molasses on user industry; and

(b) whether it is a fact that due to decontrolling molasses a number of alcohol based units are likely to be closed down if so, the State-wise details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) and (b) The Molasses Control Order, 1961 was rescinded on 10th June, 1993. It is too early to assess the impact of this measure on the downstream alcohol based chemical industry at present.

Import of Phosphate and Potassium Fertilizers

2091. SHRI S. AUSTIN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the total quantity of fertilizers imported after deregulation of phosphate and potassium fertilizers; and

(b) the names of importing agencies and the landed costs of these fertilizers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) and (b) The quantities and landed cost (weighted average) of major fertilizers (viz. Urea, DAP and MOP) imported on Government account during the period from 25-8-92 (when phosphatic and potassic fertilizers were decontrolled) to 30-6-93 are as follow:

Fertilizer	1992-93 (since 25-8-92)		1993-94 (up to 30-6-93)	
	Qty. (lakh tonnes)	Weighted average landed cost per tonne (Rs.)	Qty. (lakh tonnes)	Weighted average landed cost per tonne (Rs.)
Urea	11.91	4121.07	4.93	3818.25
DAP	1.78	4737.08	Nil	—
MOP	5.86	3744.20	1.89	3905.29

All imports of Urea and MOP during the period under reference have been on Government account. Imports of DAP and MOP were decanalised with effect from September 17, 1992 and June 17, 1993, respectively. The statistics of imports of DAP made on non-Govt. account are not centrally maintained.

Overcharging by some Pharmaceutical Units

2092. SHRI S. AUSTIN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that some pharmaceuticals units are over charging the users by 40 per cent more on 20 types of drugs; and

(b) if so, the remedial steps taken proposed to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) and (b) This Department had received some complaints of overcharging of bulk drugs which were referred to concerned State Drug Controller/Food and Drug Control Administration for investigation and necessary action under the Essential Commodities Act., 1955. To the extent information is available, the State Drug Controller of Maharashtra has filed complaints in the Courts of Law against 9 units including traders and manufacturers. The State Drug Controller of Gujarat has also initiated action against 3 units.

Imposition of Import Duty on Life Saving Drugs

2093. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any proposal under its consideration to impose 25 per cent import duty on some life saving drugs and the grant of cut in excise duties on drug-intermediates to help the domestic drug industry; and

(b) if so, in what manner it is likely to effect the prices and availability of the connected drugs and formulations ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) and (b) Rationalisation of customs and excise duties on Bulk Drugs, intermediates and formulations is an on-going process. The purpose of giving customs duty/excise duty concessions is to encourage the manufacturer of bulk drugs from basic stages as also to ensure the availability of formulations in abundant quantity at reasonable prices.

Promotion of Tourism in West Bengal

2094. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) what steps were taken for promotion of tourism in West Bengal during the last three years;

(b) what was the amount spent on various projects during this period; and

(c) what are the names of major projects undertaken during the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) and (b) The Government of India has sanctioned 26 projects for infrastructural development and celebration of fairs and festivals in West Bengal. An amount of Rs. 603.48 lakhs has been sanctioned and an amount of Rs. 298.71 lakhs has been released for these projects during the last three years.

(c) Following are the major projects sanctioned by the Centre for West Bengal :—

	Amount Sanctioned (Rs. in lakhs)
1. Tourist Lodge at Piyali	40.80
2. Tourist Lodge at Kaikhali	45.40
3. Transit Camp at Bagdogra	48.88
4. Tourist Lodge at Sagar Island	45.00
5. Launch for Piyali	49.84
6. Yatri Niwas at Cooch Bihar	40.32